

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING: AUGUST 24, 2021

The Howard County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday August 24, 2021, at 4:00 PM in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included Council President Jamie L. Bolser, Vice-President James T. Papacek, and Members Bryan Alexander, Leslie G. Fatum, John J. Roberts, Martha J. Lake, and Daryl Maple. Also, in attendance was County Attorney Alan Wilson and County Auditor Jessica Secrease. The meeting was called to order by Council President Jamie L. Bolser and conducted by Council President Jamie L. Bolser.

President Bolser led the Pledge of Allegiance and President Bolser gave a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from the regular meeting held on July 27, 2021, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Councilwoman Lake. Councilwoman Fatum seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF EARLY 2022 BUDGET PRESENTATIONS:

The Howard County Council listened to budget justifications as listed below:

2022 Department Head & Elected Official Budget Presentation Schedule			
<i>Time</i>	<i>Fund Number</i>	<i>Fund Description</i>	<i>Presenter(s)</i>
Tuesday, August 24, 2021			
4:30 p.m.	1000.0210	County General - Magistrate Court	Cheyenne Shepard
4:45 p.m.	1000.0202	County General - Superior Court II	Judge Brant Parry
	2524	County User Fee - Mental Health Court	
	2525	County User Fee - Veterans Court	
5:00 p.m.	1000.0203	County General - Superior Court III	Judge Doug Tate
5:15 p.m.	1000.0204	County General - Superior Court IV	Jamie Bolser on behalf of Judge Hans Pate
5:30 p.m.	1000.0201	County General - Superior Court I	Judge William Menges
	1000.0225	County General - Unified Court Fund	
	2512	County User Fee - Jury Pay Fund	
	2513	County User Fee - Drug Court	
	2514	County User Fee - Re-Entry Court	
5:45 p.m.	1000.0232	County General - Circuit Court	Judge Lynn Murray
	8895	93.563 Title IV-D Incentive	

The Council will act on these requests during the regularly scheduled Budget Hearing on September 17, 2021.

IN THE MATTER OF SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:

A Resolution of The Howard County Council Honoring Richard “Dick” H. Miller:

President Bolser presented Resolution No. 2021-HCCR-12, a Resolution of the Howard County Council Honoring Richard “Dick” H. Miller. Mr. Miller served as a Howard County Councilman from May 23, 1977, to December 31, 2018. He served 10 consecutive terms and served as president from 1980 through 2018, totaling 38 years. Mr. Miller was the recipient of the Sagamore of the Wabash Award and the Kokomo Perspective Lifetime Achievement Award. Mr. Miller was an instrumental

leader of the County during times of remarkable growth and prosperity. The Howard County Council extends its sincerest condolences to Mr. Miller's family and friends on his passing and recognizes with the greatest admiration and gratitude the life, achievements, and distinguished public service of Mr. Miller over the course of his career of service to Howard County.

A motion was made by Councilman Papacek to approve Resolution No. 2021-HCCR-12, a Resolution of the Howard County Council Honoring Richard "Dick" H. Miller. Councilman Lake seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE. NO. 2021- HCCO-32 – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

Auditor Jessica Secrease read Ordinance No. 2021-HCCO-32 – Additional Appropriations one time, and the ordinance was acted upon as follows:

Additional Appropriations and Reductions		Requested	Approved
<u>1000</u>	<u>COUNTY GENERAL FUND:</u>		
<u>0204</u>	<u>Superior Court IV:</u>		
11318	Court Reporter	14,375.00	14,375.00
	<u>Total County General Fund:</u>	14,375.00	14,375.00
<u>8906</u>	<u>93.323 COVID – LOCAL TESTING FUND:</u>		
11511	Clinic Manager	21,875.00	21,875.00
11512	Clinic Staff	21,000.00	21,000.00
15210	FICA	3,302.00	3,302.00
30000	Other Services & Charges	2,500.00	2,500.00
32410	Printing	1,323.00	1,323.00
	<u>Total 93.323 COVID – Local Testing Fund:</u>	50,000.00	50,000.00
<u>9524</u>	<u>MENTAL HEALTH PSC FUND:</u>		
23745	Incentives	2,500.00	3,000.00
31200	Contract Services	1,000.00	1,000.00
32130	Travel & Training	5,000.00	5,000.00
32640	Drug Screens	1,000.00	1,000.00
	<u>Total Mental Health PSC Fund:</u>	9,500.00	9,500.00
	<u>TOTAL NET APPROPRIATIONS ALL FUNDS:</u>	73,875.00	73,875.00

County General Fund 1000, Superior Court IV Location 0204 – Council President Jamie Bolser on behalf of Judge Hans Pate:

President Bolser, on behalf of Judge Pate, requested the additional appropriation for fund 1000, account 11318 in the amount of \$14,375.00. This appropriation is to cover for the payout of accumulated comp time for an employee that recently retired. In addition, this appropriation will be used to cover the cost of training the replacement of the retired employee.

93.323 COVID – Local Testing Fund 8906 – Health Department Administrator James Vest:

Health Department Administrator James Vest requested original appropriations for fund 8906: account 11511 in the amount of \$21,875.00, account 11512 in the amount of \$21,000.00, account 15210 in the amount of \$3,302.00, account 30000 in the amount of \$2,500.00, and account 32410 in the amount of \$1,323.00. These appropriations will cover the salaries of the staff at the North Bell COVID testing site as well as other necessary miscellaneous expenses at the testing site.

Mental Health PSC Court Fund 9524 – Court Coordinator Richard Cotterell:

Veterans & Mental Health Problem Solving Court Coordinator Richard Cotterell requested to appropriate the grant funding that was recently received for fund 9524. The appropriation requests included \$2,500.00 for account 27345, \$1,000.00 for account 31200, \$5,000.00 for account 32130, and \$1,000.00 for account 32640. This grant fund will be used to cover salaries, incentives, contract services, travel & training, and drug screens.

All additional appropriation having been presented, a motion was made by Councilwoman Fatum to approve Ordinance No. 2021-HCCO-32 for additional appropriations. Councilwoman Lake seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER RESOLUTION NO. 2021-HCCR-10 – TRANSFERS:

Auditor Jessica Secrease read Resolution No. 2021-HCCR-10 – Transfers one time, and the ordinance was acted upon as follows:

Transfer From:	Transfer To:	Requested	Approved
<u>1000 COUNTY GENERAL FUND:</u>			
<u>0089 COVID Relief:</u>			
50000 Unappropriated	30000 Other Services & Charges	2,225.00	2,225.00
50000 Unappropriated	47210 Equipment	19,718.02	19,718.02
<u>8905 CARES Safety Awareness:</u>			
50000 Unappropriated	32200 Advertisements/Publications	900.00	900.00
<u>1170 LIT – PUBLIC SAFETY – COUNTY SHARE FUND:</u>			
12304 Part-Time Dispatch	12305 O.T. Dispatcher	45,000.00	45,000.00
12300 Dispatcher	12305 O.T. Dispatcher	30,000.00	30,000.00

County General Fund 1000, COVID Relief Location 0089 – Commissioner President Paul Wyman:

County Commissioner President Paul Wyman requested a transfer of funds for fund 1000. He requested for \$2,225.00 to be transferred from account 50000 to account 30000 and for \$19,718.02 to be transferred from account 50000 to account 47210. These transfers will cover the cost of bills for equipment, etc. that have already have been approved.

County General Fund 1000, CARES Safety Awareness Location 8905 – Commissioner President Paul Wyman:

County Commissioner President Paul Wyman requested a transfer of funds for fund 1000. He requested for \$900.00 to be transferred from account 50000 to account 32200. This transfer will cover the cost of advertisements and publications related to safety awareness regarding COVID.

LIT – Public Safety – County Share Fund 1170 – Sheriff Jerry Asher:

Sheriff Jerry Asher requested a transfer of funds for fund 1170. He requested for \$45,000.00 to be transferred from account 12304 to account 12305 and for \$30,000.00 to be transferred from account 12300 to account 12305. These transfers will cover the cost of staffing issues through 2021.

Councilman Roberts made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-HCCR-10 – Transfers as read. Councilman Alexander seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF SALARY ORDINANCE. NO. 2021-HCCO-33 – AMENDING SALARY ORDINANCE:

Auditor Jessica Secrease read Ordinance No. 2021-HCCO-33 – Amending Salary Ordinance one time, and the ordinance was acted upon as follows:

Salary Amendments	Requested	Approved
<u>1000 COUNTY GENERAL FUND:</u>		
<u>0204 Superior Court IV:</u>		
11318 Court Reporter	14,375.00	14,375.00
<u>1170 LIT-PUBLIC SAFETY -COUNTY SHARE FUND:</u>		
12304 Part-Time Dispatch	(45,000.00)	(45,000.00)
12305 Overtime Dispatcher	45,000.00	45,000.00
12300 Dispatcher	(30,000.00)	(30,000.00)
12305 Overtime Dispatcher	30,000.00	30,000.00
<u>8906 93.323 COVID- LOCAL TESTING FUND:</u>		
11511 Clinic Manager	21,875.00	21,875.00
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Auditor Secrease explained that the salary amendment items as amended were previously covered under the additional appropriations which the council had previously approved. Councilman Alexander made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2021-HCCO-33 Amending Salary Ordinance as read; Councilman Maple seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS:

Sheriff Jerry Asher has requested that the retirees from the Sheriff's Department receive a 13th check in 2021 for cost of living. The cost of this 13th check would be \$64,726.00. Councilman Roberts made a motion to approve the 13th check for the Sheriff's Department retirees for 2021. Councilwoman Lake seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Sheriff Asher also requested that a line item is created specifically for the Sheriff's Department pension for 2022. Stan Brown from One America spoke on the fact that the investment for the Sheriff's Department retiree fund is 100% funded, and he feels very confident that the mandatory contributions can go from 6% to 3% from the qualified employees. Ron Metz, President of the Sheriff's Merit Board, spoke to the fact that the Howard County Sheriff's Department has been contributing almost double compared to other Sheriff's Departments in the state of Indiana. Mr. Metz agreed with Mr. Brown that there will not be an issue to the mandatory contributions going from the 6% to 3%. Sheriff Asher stated that this will also include the 13th check in the amount of \$70,000.00 for 2022. Sheriff Asher stated that this has to be approved through the Sheriff's Merit Board and to get approved by the Council.

*There being no further business to come before the Council at this time,
the meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m. on a motion made by Councilwoman Fatum.
Councilman Roberts seconded the motion, and the motion carried.*

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL:

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ATTEST:

JESSICA SECREASE, AUDITOR

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